SUMMARY: This letter includes an initial draft of the 1999-2000 Institutional Student Information Record (ISIR) layout and description.

Dear Colleague:

We are pleased to provide you with the initial draft layout and description of the 1999-2000 ISIR. The ISIR contains the information reported on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), as well as key processing results and National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) Financial Aid History information. The ISIR is transmitted electronically to postsecondary institutions and state educational agencies. The 1999-2000 ISIR draft has been completely revised to more closely match the order of the FAFSA questions and to group like data together (such as match flags and processing data).

Attached are the following two enclosures:

- Enclosure 1 lists the ISIR fields, by name and ISIR field number, which were added, deleted, or modified.

- Enclosure 2 contains the draft ISIR layout itself.

  - SAR Field # column has been added.
  - Added/Modified column indicates whether the changes were added or modified.
  - Justify/Signed column indicates whether the field is left or right justified and whether it is a signed numeric field.

  Record length for this 1999-2000 draft is 2,640 total bytes; in 1998-1999 the record length was 2,563 bytes.

This ISIR layout is an early draft and is provided so that you can begin to modify your systems for 1999-2000. As modifications to the Central Processing System (CPS) for the 1999-2000 processing cycle are tested during the fall of 1998, there may be further changes. The final version will be distributed as part of the *EDE Technical Reference* in December 1998. Update pages will be distributed after the 1999-2000 CPS system has been tested and put in production on 01/15/99.

An electronic copy of the draft ISIR layout is also available on the U.S. Department of Education's Information for Financial Aid Professionals (IFAP) Web page:

http://ifap.ed.gov

Note: The Comment Code text and the SAR Acknowledgement Code text will not be available until the *EDE Technical Reference* is released in December.

If you have any questions or comments on this draft, please call CPS Customer Service at 1-800/330-5947, option 8.